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communities serving communities

CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS

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## 2004: Manna's First Year



Ten years ago a small group of college seniors at Vanderbilt University had a simple idea. "What if after we graduate we volunteer for a year together, each using our own unique passions in service?" When we didn't find an organization that provided volunteer opportunities where we could work together doing different projects in the same community, we decided to go on our own. And thus, Manna Project International was born.

Year after year, other young adults have had the same idea. They've shared the same desire to go abroad and be part of a community that serves communities. And because of that reality, and those 184 Program Directors who have served communities in Latin America, and because of the support of each of you, Manna has continued to grow for 10 years.

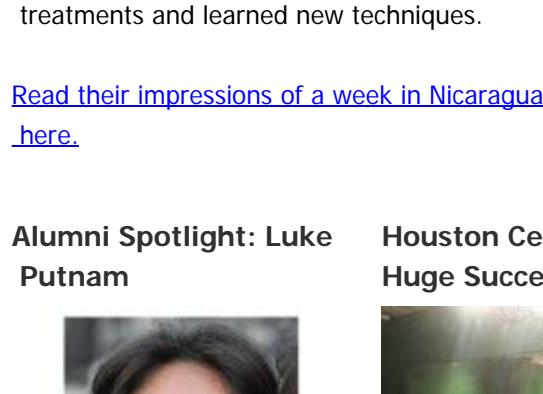
A simple shared desire. A profoundly powerful impact.

Cheers to 10 years of "communities serving communities."

This year we'll be sharing highlights from each year of Manna, celebrating milestones and memories. We look forward to building on our successes for an even greater impact in the next decade.

Lori Scharffenberg Warren  
*Executive Director, co-founder*

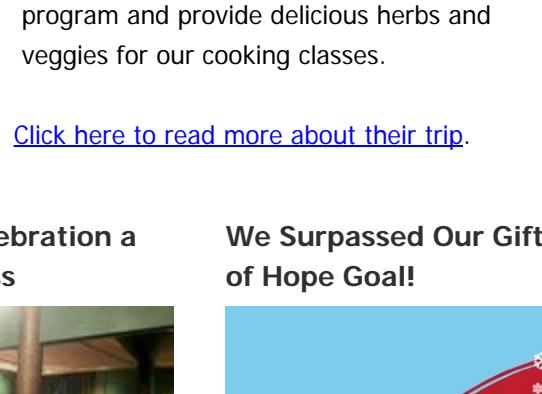
### Worcester State University Visits MPI Nicaragua



A group of Occupational Therapy students from Worcester State University visited MPI Nicaragua last week. They worked alongside the staff at [Tesoroso de Dios](#) putting their studies into practice. The group assisted in therapy sessions, discussed possible treatments and learned new techniques.

[Read their impressions of a week in Nicaragua here.](#)

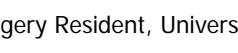
### Vanderbilt Students Finish Greenhouse in Ecuador



A team of Vanderbilt students visited Ecuador in late 2013. In one short week they assembled the plastic bottles donated to the library and built a greenhouse, complete with planting boxes and a composting bin. The greenhouse will further expand the Environmental Health program and provide delicious herbs and veggies for our cooking classes.

[Click here to read more about their trip.](#)

### Alumni Spotlight: Luke Putnam

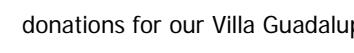


**PD Year:** 2004-2005  
**MPI Site:** Nicaragua  
**MPI History:** MPI co-founder, former MPI Board member

**Where he is now:** General Surgery Resident, University of Texas Health Science Center

[Click here for Luke's full bio.](#)

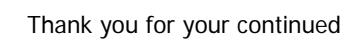
### Houston Celebration a Huge Success



30 people joined us Monday night as we celebrated our 10th anniversary in Houston. It was a great night sharing memories, laughter and excellent company. We also received \$1,895 in donations for our Villa Guadalupe clinic construction!

More events to come in 2014!

### We Surpassed Our Gifts of Hope Goal!



111 donors graciously gave Gifts of Hope in 2013. We are thrilled to announce we surpassed our \$30,000 goal by \$2,500! We are incredibly grateful. Thank you for your continued support!

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